

MONEY SAVED IN THE POSTAL SERVICE.

Splendid Showing Made by First Assistant Postmaster-General Jones.

By His Economy the Government Benefits to the Amount of \$3,278,985.65.

Rivalry in This Respect Would Not Equal to the Biennial River and Harbor Appropriation.

HE HAS CLEVELAND'S CONFIDENCE.

Mr. Jones's Bureau Handles About \$41,000,000.—How Advantageous Leases Have Been Obtained—Inspectors Familiar with Real Estate Needed.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 8.—The report of First Assistant Postmaster-General Jones just issued is in many respects one of the most important papers prepared by any public official in Washington. Immediately after taking charge of the office Mr. Jones was impressed with the extravagant expenditures in many branches of the postal service, and at once set to work to reduce such expenses as came legitimately under his bureau. As a result his report shows a saving to the Government since the beginning of his incumbency of \$3,278,985.65.

The magnitude of this undertaking can only be fully comprehended when it is remembered that Mr. Jones is simply in charge of one bureau of the Department and that similar reductions in other Federal Departments would result annually in saving to this Government many millions of dollars. Six bureau officers equalling this saving would net the country an amount equal to the biennial river and harbor appropriation.

A Competent Official. Mr. Jones has always been considered one of the most capable officials in the Government service. In the interval between the resignation of Postmaster-General Bissell and the appointment of Mr. Wilson, Mr. Jones served as Postmaster-General, and was frequently called into consultation at Cabinet meetings. He had not only gained the confidence of the President, but was vested with full powers as Postmaster-General during that period.

The bureau in charge of the First Assistant Postmaster handles annually about \$41,000,000, or one-half of the postal service appropriation. It is a strictly business bureau, with many branches scattered over the country that daily require supplies, clerks and carriers, information in reference to money orders, mislaid letters, the postal laws and regulations and the Civil Service laws and regulations and the details of the report shows, together with the economical administration, an improved efficiency of the service, with better discipline and a more accurate performance daily work.

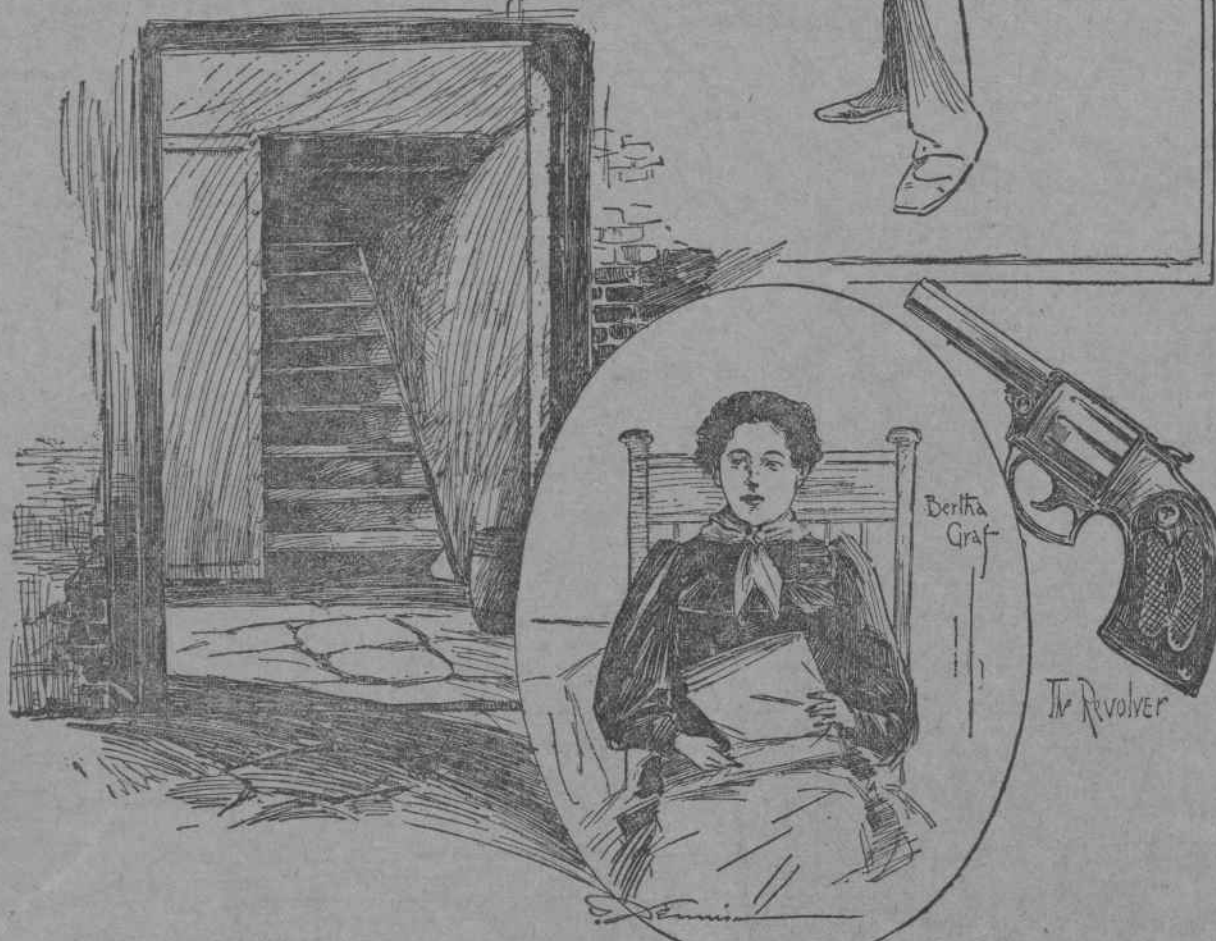
During the past year Mr. Jones has saved over a third of a million dollars in

the five-year term of the leases entered into, he has secured in every case where changes were made better and more commodious quarters and better appointments.

Many Errors Detected. Under expenditures reduced, Mr. Jones says in his report. Prior to his administration this Bureau had been the custom to accept the figures submitted by postmasters in their quarterly reports as rendered to this department in computing their salaries for the ensuing fiscal year. In his opinion this was an improper method, and he therefore issued instructions to have the reports referred to carefully compared with figures which had been revised by the Auditor for the Post Office Department before being the salaries of these postmasters. This plan not only obliterated considerable correspondence, but under it 2,655 errors were detected distributed among 1,741 post offices. These errors were of sufficient magnitude to affect the salaries of twelve postmasters, nine of which were reduced \$300 each; total, \$2,700; the salaries of three were each advanced \$100 per annum; total, \$300; resulting in a net saving of \$2,400.

In dealing with the change in cancelling machines, Mr. Jones recommends an appropriation of \$75,000 for the fiscal year 1897-98 for the rental or purchase of such machines. Mr. Jones also asks for ten inspectors for the use of the division of salaries and allowances, men familiar with real estate business and with the details of the postal service and consequently fitted to advise postmasters in cases where the regular inspectors are familiar with criminal cases would be at fault.

In dealing with the establishment of sub-stations, Mr. Jones says: Fifty-five post offices of the second, third and fourth classes were discontinued during the year and fifty-four stations and substations were established to take their places. The salaries and allowances at the discontinued offices amounted to \$36,810, while the allowances for the stations and substations amounted to \$37,970, an increase in the cost of the service of \$1,160. This increase was due to the annexation of a number of square miles of territory by the cities of New York and Brooklyn and the consequent extension of free delivery limits. In order to



GIRL'S BRAVE FIGHT AND THE SUICIDE OF HER ASSAILANT.



Professor Dowd, who Developed Strange Notions About Eating

This instructor in physical culture, who has had an exciting career for the last two years on account of his devotion to freaky notions of diet, is again at liberty, after having spent two days at Bellevue Hospital. He is supposed to be in New Jersey at present in hiding to avoid the possibility of another arrest on the charge of insanity. He was a man of tremendous strength, but his dieting has so reduced him that he is weak compared with what he was. For a long time his wife took charge of his school of physical culture, which before his eccentricities began numbered many pupils. The professor spent some time on Ward's Island, a few months ago, and then was removed to a private asylum. From that he was released, on the promise not to use again the stomach pump which has played such an important part in his curious performances. This promise, however, he has failed to keep.

give the residents of this annexed district the same service as in other parts of New York City and Brooklyn it was necessary to establish six carrier stations and eleven substations within thirty square miles added to Brooklyn, and four carrier stations and two substations for the new territory added to New York, the total cost of the stations and substations being \$22,540, against \$17,948 saved in salaries and allowances of the discontinued offices.

To Do Away with Private Letter Boxes. A recommendation to Congress is also made in the report urging the abolition of the private post office boxes located in stores and other places not authorized to do post office business. An interesting part of the report is that dealing with the work of the Dead Letter Office. Under this head the report says:

There were received in the Dead Letter Office for the year 6,233,303 pieces of original dead mail matter, 558,331 of which were of foreign origin. The foreign matter was either delivered to corrected addresses in the United States or returned to the country of origin for disposition.

Of the domestic matter there were delivered to owners 2,720,150 pieces, an increase in delivery of that class of matter of 132,222 pieces over that of the last fiscal year; the failure to return the balance being due, as usual, to the neglect of the writer to give name or address.

Another interesting statement is that dealing with the post office receipts from the State of New York. There are in the State 17 first-class offices, 84 second-class offices and 214 third-class offices, with gross receipts aggregating \$13,292,511, or \$8,000,000 more than the gross receipts from any other State.

This is the last report of First Assistant Postmaster-General Jones, and it practically clears up his record as incumbent of that office for three years and a half.

It is a record so far unparalleled in the department for practical economy and wise reductions in the expenses of the bureau, without impairment of its efficiency.

SLASHED AN AMERICAN.

Spanish Officer Nearly Killed a Citizen of Indiana on a Estate in Cuba.

Key West, Fla., Nov. 8.—Passengers who arrived last night from Havana bring news of another outrage committed on an American citizen. The victim has filed a protest before Vice-Consul Springer, and the case has been reported to Washington for instructions.

Near the town of San Jose de Las Lajas, a Spanish force patrolling the country surprised three rebels who tried to steal into the town. The Spaniards gave chase and the rebels fled. The Spanish force was then divided into squads of fifty men and they were sent in different directions to search for the fugitives. One of these squads went to the estate owned by the Cuban, where Frederick L. Graycraft, a native of Indiana, who has been only two years in Cuba, was manager. They entered the residence, destroyed the furniture and manacled the premises. The women present were insulted in the most outrageous manner.

Graycraft protested that he was an American citizen, and showed his papers. This incensed the officer in command, who drew a sword and began slashing at Graycraft. The latter was wounded in the back, receiving a deep gash that carried away part of the flesh. His forearm was also cut to the bone. Another officer by interfering saved his life. Graycraft was then forced to deliver about \$100 in his possession.

Later Graycraft heard great outcries outside, and found that seventeen "pacifists" had been killed. There was not one insurgent among them. All this was reported last week as a great Spanish victory.

PUT POISON IN THEIR TEA.

Third Attempt to Murder Farmer Leroyd Nearly Resulted in the Loss of Five Lives.

Danvers, Mass., Nov. 8.—Five persons narrowly escaped being murdered with "rough on rats" on Friday night. An overdose of the poison was all that saved their lives. This is the third time within two weeks that an attempt has been made to take the life of Albert F. Leroyd, who owns a large farm and market garden at Asylum Station, a few miles from this place. It is thought to be the revenge of a hired man whom Leroyd had discharged.

Two weeks ago to-day Leroyd noticed a small quantity of greenish powder in the bottom of his cup. He tasted it and it made him slightly ill. A few days later he again noticed the powder in the same place, and put the cup to one side.

At supper on Friday evening Leroyd, his wife, Robert and Hardy Hall and a farm hand named Conner, were taken violently ill after drinking some tea. Two physicians were summoned and succeeded in saving the lives of all, although the victims are still very weak. A large quantity of arsenic was found in the bottom of the tea urn, and the canister from which the tea leaves had been taken is now in the hands of the police. An analysis of its contents will be made.

It has been Leroyd's custom to drink tea for breakfast, and he was the only member of the family to do so. It is now thought that whoever made the attempt on his life put the arsenic in the urn early in the morning, thinking that Leroyd alone would drink from it. However, it happened that the farm recently gave up his old habit, and so the urn was not used until this evening.

HACK DRIVERS' LOW RATE.

Will Not Press the Aldermanic Petition Until After the Horse Show.

The Public Hack Owners' Association has its petition to the Board of Aldermen for an ordinance reducing the hack fares all ready, cut and dried. It will not be presented, however, until after the Horse Show, as many of the drivers have entered their teams in competition for prizes. The association met last night at McGarry's Hall, Thirty-second street and Lexington avenue. Pending the presentation of their petition to the Aldermen, the meeting decided that the members of the association would drive people to Madison Square Garden during the show. Tickets below Forty-second street for 50 cents, instead of \$1 or \$1.50. This is to prepare the public for the general reduction of fares if the Aldermen grant the petition and pass the required ordinance.

REPUBLICANS STILL GAINING.

Latest News in Their Favor from Wyoming and Kentucky.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 8.—Returns received to-day from the Jackson Hole country give the Bryan electors and the Democratic Congressional and State ticket twenty-seven. Four of the Big Horn County precincts give the Republican electoral, Congressional and State tickets a majority of 104 in 200 votes. Twelve hundred votes are still to be heard from in Big Horn County. Should this ratio hold out, the Republicans will elect their Electors, Congressional and State tickets.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—Chairman Roberts, of the Kentucky Republican Committee, claims Kentucky for the

GIRL'S BRAVE FIGHT IN A DARK CELLAR.

Fearful Struggle with a Man Who Seized Her by the Throat.

Nearly Ten Minutes the Fourteen-Year-Old Battled and Then Escaped.

She Had No Sooner Fled Up the Stairs Than Her Assailant Shot and Killed Himself.

DESTROYED CLEWS TO HIS IDENTITY.

The Man Had Stolen in White Bertha Was Getting Coal and Sprang Upon the Child from a Dark Passageway.

Pretty Bertha Graf, fourteen years old, was attacked by an unknown man in a dark cellar yesterday afternoon. She fought bravely, though the man seized her by the throat and threatened to shoot. When she had escaped, her assailant shot and killed himself.

The girl lives with her parents at No. 156 Essex street, a tenement house. At a little after 1 o'clock she went down into the cellar for some coal. The cellar is cut up into numerous narrow passages. Before she was ready to return she heard the heavy step of a man just outside of the coal bin, and thinking it was some stranger, was afraid to go out. She waited for several minutes, and then tried to slip quickly by the dark corner in which she knew he was standing. The man seized her with one hand, and with the other throttled her, preventing her from screaming.

Then began a terrible struggle. The man tried to drag her from the stairway, while she, with a strength born of fear, fought him step by step. Never for an instant did the man relax his hold. He managed to draw a pistol, but made no attempt to use it. He threatened to shoot her, but she did not heed the threat.

For nearly ten minutes the fight continued, until she managed to reach the foot of the stairway. She placed one foot on the second step, but the man dragged her back. Then she wrenched his hand from her throat for a moment—long enough to utter a scream. He clutched her again, and the struggle was renewed. Persons in the building heard the scream and the noise, but stood in fear in the hallway above, fearing to go down. They did not know who were fighting.

Their voices made the man falter, however, and the girl broke from his grasp. She rushed up the stairs, and sank, trembling, upon the floor of the hallway. There a man down there, she gasped, and in a few minutes a large group had gathered. But they were afraid to go down the stairs. The girl told them the man was armed, and they sent for a policeman, posting themselves about the building, to prevent the man's escape by either front or rear.

Before the policeman arrived three shots were heard, but even then none would venture down into Bertha's brother, Philip, appeared. With a pistol in his hand, he went down the stairway and looked about for the man. The man was not in sight, and young Graf went slowly back toward the rear of the basement, looking in the dark passages for him. In a few moments he found him.

The man had gone to the rear of the cellar and had made a deliberate preparation for death. He had taken off his overcoat and had carefully destroyed several papers that would have given a clue to his identity. He had then laid down with his head upon a pile of sacks, and had shot three bullets into his mouth in quick succession.

He was lying when found, and Policeman Livingston sent in a hurry call for the Gouverneur Hospital ambulance. The ambulance surgeon tried in vain to revive the man, but he died without a word. None of the hundreds of people who looked to view the body before its removal from the house could identify it. The daughter of the housekeeper said she had seen the same man prowling about the cellar a week ago.

The man was a German about thirty-five years old, and five feet eight inches in height. He had blue eyes, brown hair and a dark mustache. He wore a blue overcoat and checked suit. In his pocket was a printed circular of the Standard Beef Company, and upon it were written the addresses of "No. 633 Fourth avenue," and "No. 780 Second avenue." Neither of these was where he lived.

TRACED BY A BROKEN ARM.

Detectives Follow a Man Charged with Robbery from Hospital to Hospital.

Matthew O'Rourke, of No. 3 Second street, was arrested on Saturday, charged with having robbed the apartments of William S. Grewe, an artist, of No. 30 West Fifty-ninth street, and was arraigned in Yorkville Court yesterday. The arrest was made by Detectives Schindler and Quinlan.

Grewe alleges he found O'Rourke in his apartments, on the seventh floor of the building, at 1 o'clock Saturday morning, and that in the struggle ensuing he struck O'Rourke with a cane, breaking his arm in two places. Detectives went to Roosevelt Hospital at half-past two. They were told such a man had been there, and had given the name of O'Rourke.

The man was traced, and it was found later he had gone to Bellevue, and had, at his own request, been sent to the City Hospital on Blackwell's Island. There the detectives arrested him.

O'Rourke denies any attempt at robbery, although he admits having been in Grewe's apartment. He declares he will make serious counter charges against the artist.

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GREATER NEW YORK BILL.

Said to Be the Programme of Mr. Platt's Legislature to Rush It Through Early.

No time is to be lost in rushing the charter of the Greater New York through the Legislature this winter. All other legislation is to give way until this matter is settled. This information comes from men who are very close to the Republican leader. The same policy is to be adopted in reference to the passage of the charter that was applied to the Rahmes bill.

When the legislators meet the Greater New York Commission will have the charter ready to be presented. It will, it is said, be necessary to make many amendments to the instrument, as Mr. Platt proposes to gain as much political advantage as possible.

The result of the election in New York, Kings and Queens counties has had a great deal to do with the determination of the Platt people to rush the charter through with as little delay as possible in order that a Mayor for the enlarged city and other local officers can be elected next Fall. They intend to take advantage of the present situation, as they believe the effect of this year's victory will be felt next year. If the charter should not be passed by the next Legislature it would be impossible to hold an election for the larger city until 1899, and by that time many things may happen to change the conditions that now exist.

Many of Platt's lieutenants favor running the various departments of Greater New York by single-headed commissions. Should the first Mayor of the city be a Republican and the Police, Fire, Public Works, Health and other departments be under the control of individual commissioners, instead of boards, as most of the local departments are now conducted, Platt would be so firmly entrenched in power that it would be a most difficult matter even to dislodge him.

Restaurant Keeper's Suicide.

John Merton, a restaurant keeper at No. 559 Hudson street, shot and killed himself at 9 o'clock last night. He had been depressed for weeks owing to what he considered an incurable injury to his leg. He was married and lived with his wife above his place of business.

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M'KINLEY FULLY RESTED.

Entirely Recovered from the Effects of His Campaign Work—Flowers and Begging Letters.

Canton, O., Nov. 8.—Major McKinley has rapidly recovered from the effects of the mental strain and arduous labors of the campaign, and this evening expressed himself as being fully rested. He is in excellent health and spirits. The determination of the President-elect to remain in Canton until the middle of this week, on account of the feeble condition of his wife, will keep the storm cloud of political interest central over Canton for some days longer.

Applications for official places are beginning to come in by mail in large numbers, and they include requests for all sorts of appointments, from day laborers to chiefs of bureaus. Flowers in unlimited quantities continue to reach Mr. McKinley. Every room in the house is radiant with them, and the supply was so large yesterday afternoon that a whole wagon load was divided among sick friends and the patients in the city hospitals.

Mrs. McKinley is deluged with begging letters. One woman who wrote recently wanted money to educate her children, and another asked for enough to buy a bridal robe. A score of churches and religious societies have sent plaintive appeals. Some letters requesting financial aid by persons in distress are accompanied by such cheerful observations as this: "If you don't respond within twenty-four hours you will probably hear of my death."

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